

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 15 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7, 13 and 14 are amended. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claim 1 (Original). A sporocidal composition comprising a laccase or a compound exhibiting laccase activity, a source of oxygen, a source of iodide ions and an enhancing agent.

Claim 2 (Original). The composition of claim 1, wherein the source of iodide ions is one or more salts of iodide.

Claim 3 (Original). The composition of claim 1, which further comprises a surfactant.

Claim 4 (Original). An enzymatic method of killing or inactivating spores, comprising contacting the spores with a laccase or a compound exhibiting laccase activity, a source of oxygen, a source of iodide ions and an enhancing agent.

Claim 5 (Original). The method of claim 4, wherein the source of iodide ions is one or more salts of iodide.

Claim 6 (Original). The method of claim 4, which further comprises contacting the spores with a surfactant.

Claim 7 (Currently amended). The method of claim 4 ~~any of claims 4-6~~, wherein the spores are located on a surface.

Claim 8 (Original). The method of claim 7, wherein the surface is a textile surface.

Claim 9 (Original). The method of claim 7, wherein the surface is a surface of laboratory or process equipment.

Claim 10 (Original). A method of decontaminating a location, which has been exposed to spores, comprising contacting the spores with a laccase or a compound exhibiting laccase activity, a source of oxygen, a source of iodide ions and an enhancing agent.

Claim 11 (Original). The method of claim 10, wherein the source of iodide ions is one or more salts of iodide.

Claim 12 (Original). The method of claim 10, which further comprises contacting the spores with a surfactant.

Claim 13 (Currently amended). A container comprising the composition of claim 1 ~~any of claims—1–3~~, wherein the components of the composition are packaged in one or more compartments or layers.

Claim 14 (Currently amended). A ready-to-use sporocidal formulation comprising the composition of claim 1 ~~any of claims—1–3~~.

Claim 15 (Canceled).